

IN THE SENATE

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STATE OF IDAHO TO PROMOTE RELATIONSHIPS
WITH THE TURKISH PEOPLE AND DIRECTING DISTRIBUTION.

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the Senate of the state of Idaho in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature recognizes that the Republic of Turkey and the United States of America are long-standing allies, both embracing the universal values of freedom, democracy and human rights; and

WHEREAS, the United States and the Republic of Turkey have shared common ideals, in which freedom and democracy are the foundation of peace, prosperity and security; and

WHEREAS, for more than fifty years a strategic partnership has existed between the United States and the Republic of Turkey, both bilaterally and through the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which has been of enormous political, economic, cultural and strategic benefit to both countries; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey, as the world's fifteenth largest economy and Europe's sixth largest economy, is a valued trading partner with the state of Idaho and is to be commended on its contributions to the global economy; and

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho and the Republic of Turkey have enjoyed a strong, vibrant and mutually beneficial economic relationship with the prospect of further growth; and

WHEREAS, it is the custom of the state of Idaho to welcome all who come to our state, especially those who come in the interest of friendship and commerce; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state of Idaho to further cultivate the good relationship between Idaho and the Republic of Turkey and other Turkic Nations; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Idaho State Senate to recognize the contributions of our allies and the value of maintaining beneficial relationships with allies of the state of Idaho, such as the contributions made by the Republic of Turkey and the value of our positive relationship with this ally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Senate, assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, that we wish to develop and enhance further long-standing Idaho-Turkey relations, building upon time-honored friendships, as well as promoting the cultural, educational, academic, political and economic relations between Idahoans and the Turkish people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an official copy of this resolution be distributed to the West America Turkic Council and to the Pacifica Institute-Idaho.